



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
SPECHT et al.

Examiner: J. MARTINELL

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Title: HUMAN NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES OBTAINED FROM PANCREAS TUMOR TISSUE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the office action dated November 15, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 24 and 30 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter disclosed therein.

Please replace claims 23, 26-27 and 31-32 with the amended claims below.

B1
23. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:181.

B2
26. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide that is at least 90% homologous to the polypeptide sequence of claim 23.

27. (Amended) A method for screening for an active ingredient against a pancreas tumor comprising contacting the polypeptide of claim 23 with a potential active ingredient.